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Baton Rouge July 30

Dear Sister I
recieved your Letter of the 29 and
was glad to hear from home for
the first time since I left home but
was sad to hear that ma was so
low tell her that I am trying to
get back again but guess I cant come
it tell Kate I will send her a Dol
as soon as I get paid of again as
we were paid off the 27th 2 months pay
and soon will be paid off again I
gave those papers to one of the boys
in Johns Co when I was in New
Orleans. I was glad to hear that
Billey was at home tell him I
send my best Respects to him
and wish him much Joy tell him
he is a fool if he ever goes backaga
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I am much better informed about the Southern Country than I was when I went away the heat is 104 in the Shade thats all there is more Niggers here than white men and God knows if them Abolitionists got in among them they would be glad to get out again. I suppose you know I was at Vickburg by this time we left here for Vickburg the 19 of June and got back the 26 of July and dureing that time we Suffered unknown hard ships I was sick with the Fever and there was not a well man in the Reg our old General is an old Seceshand let us suffer every thing the boys swear they will shoot him if they ever get a chance and so they will we were in sight of Vicksurg all the time within shooting Distance that Canal was a failure. two of our boys died up there Wallice. Noyes. and Cyrus

Whitcomb. Noyes was 2nd cousin to U. W. and about 30 died out of the Reg they did not have any Coffins nothing but there Blankets to sew up around them they could not hardly get men to bury them I can tell you it was awful the New Papers may smooth it over as much as they have a mind to but the Rebels are not whiped yet nor will they be eather. 4 of July down to fort Pike to men in Co. C. got there arms blowed off one his left arm blowed off and the other both arms blowed off he Afterwards died. Capt Brooks of Co. F. was Killed at Vickburg he was takeing a Steamboat full of Niggers and was comeing back when some Rebel Artillery fired on the boat he trading Watches with the Quarter master he took out his his watch and handed it to the Quarterm aster and walked to the door

when the 6 pound cannon ball took him in the bowels tearing all his inwards out and happened to go right through his watch Pock et Lieut Call of Co E died on our way back they were bothe buried here Capt Rugglez of the poultney Co died at Carleton. Baton Rouge is a Ha ndsome place it is about as large as Rutland it is all full of Shade treez Brandon is not Circumstance I was glad to get those Postage stom ps as they cannot be got here for love nor money things are high here butter is 40 cts per pound Eggs 50 cts a doz meat 25 cents a pound potatoes 25 cts a quart onions the same flour $25.00 per bbl and Every thing is so high 5 cents will go further at home than a dol here we are quar tered in a good building near the principal street Opposite the catholice church